

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 18, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are submitted in response thereto. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 8-10 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as the two "independent" claims either depend from themselves or from a canceled claim. These errors have been corrected and the pending independent claims and all dependent claims should now satisfy §112.

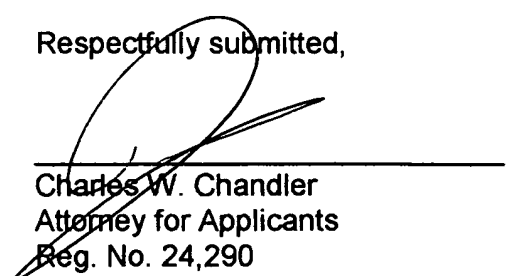
The Examiner indicated that claims 8, and 10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112 rejection. As discussed above, claim 10 has been amended to correct its dependence on a canceled claim.

Similarly, claim 2 was allowable if rewritten in independent form while including the limitations of the base claim. The allowable limitations of claim 2 have been included in base claim 9; therefore, the Applicant asserts that claim 9 and its depending claims 3, 4, and 6 are allowable.

Further, in the Office Action, the Examiner required replacement and annotated drawings for the sheets containing FIGs. 2 and 5. Attached hereto are replacement sheets and annotated drawings showing the change of reference number from 22 to 23.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, claims 3, 4, 6, and 8-10 are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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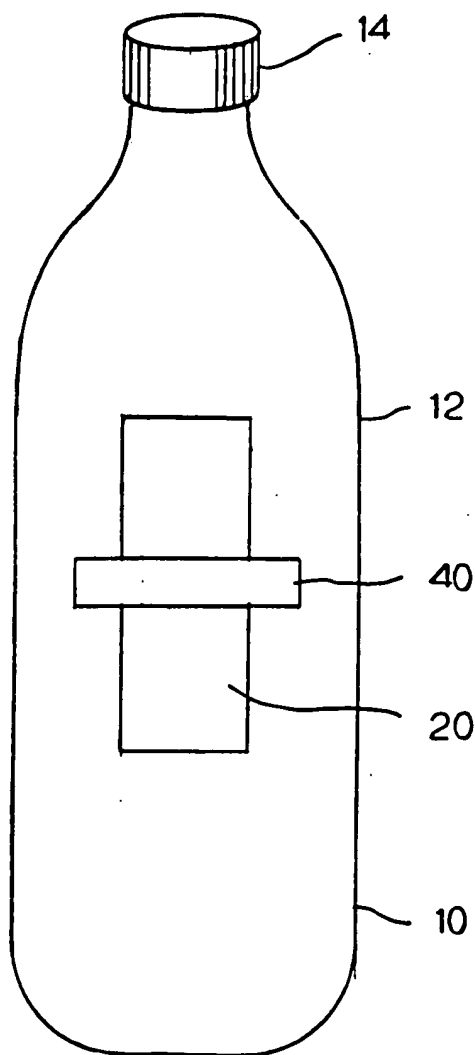


FIG. 1

Annotated
Drawing Sheet
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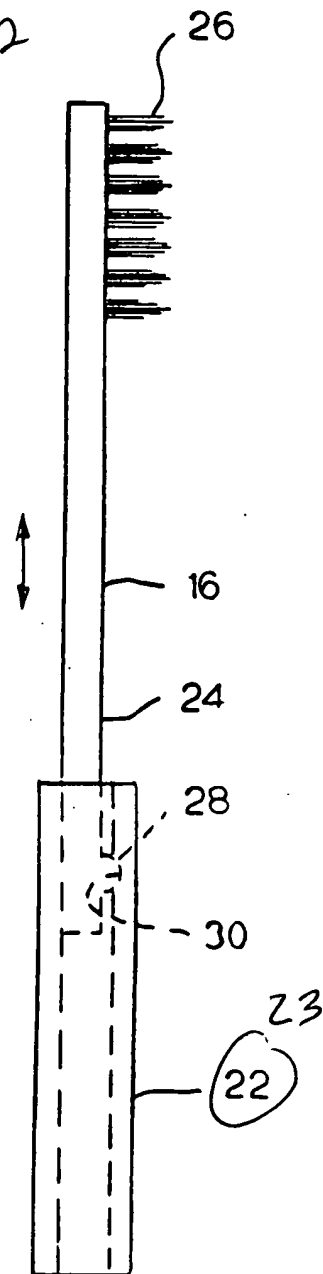


FIG. 5

